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Protecting Nebraska's Critical Infrastructures

Holiday Inn & Convention Center
Kearney, Nebraska

March 29 & 30, 2005





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Fellow Nebraskans,

We cordially invite you to attend the Nebraska Infrastructure Security Forum in Kearney, Nebraska, March 29 - 30, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. This event will address one of the most important challenges facing our state and our nation – Homeland Security – with a focus on Nebraska's critical infrastructures.

The Forum is designed for public and private transportation, banking, energy, agriculture, and communications executives, law enforcement officials, emergency management personnel, medical and public health professionals, and others throughout the state. The discussions and exchange of ideas will be directly relevant to all Nebraskans concerned with Homeland Security issues, including our infrastructures, communities and organizations. Information about the Forum, agenda and speakers is available at **www.NISF.org**.

We encourage you to attend the NISF to learn more about Nebraska's Homeland Security efforts and to meet and network with individuals who share your interest and responsibility in protecting our State of Nebraska and way of life.

The conference is sponsored by Nebraska's largest energy utilities: the Lincoln Electric System, the Metropolitan Utilities District, the Nebraska Public Power District, and the Omaha Public Power District. Other sponsors include the Nebraska Power Association, Alegent Health and the Nebraska Center for Bioterrorism Education.

Please mark your calendars for March 29 - 30, 2005, and reserve your place at this premier networking and collaboration event by registering at **www.NISF.org**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Dave Heineman
Lieutenant Governor

Michael G. Heavican,
United States Attorney

Day 1

Tuesday / March 29th / 2005

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| 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 2:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. | Welcome
<i>U.S. Attorney Mike Heavican</i> |
| 2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. | Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Meeting
<i>Open Attendance</i> |
| | Break |
| 3:50 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Executive Council
<i>Designated Attendees</i> |
| | Break |
| 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Icebreaker
<i>Open Attendance</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. | Executive Council Dinner
<i>By Invitation</i> |

The Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council was established to work collaboratively with federal, state and local law enforcement, as well as the private sector and critical infrastructure providers to increase information sharing, collaboration and awareness regarding the threat of terrorism.

Open attendance at this meeting is offered to Forum participants.

Day 2

Wednesday / March 30th / 2005

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| | Continental Breakfast |
| | Registration |
| 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. | Welcome
<i>Lt. Governor Dave Heineman and U.S. Attorney Mike Heavican</i> |
| 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. | Agriculture & Bioterrorism
<i>Dr. Jerry Jaax, Associate Vice Provost for Research Compliance and University Veterinarian at Kansas State University</i> |
| | Break |
| 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Oklahoma City Bombing
<i>J. Dewey Webb, Deputy Assistant Director for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Field Operations (West)</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Blackout 2003
<i>Stuart Brindley, Chair, NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee</i> |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Luncheon Speaker
<i>Alan Griffith, Company Spokesperson, FPL Energy-Seabrook Station</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Breakout Sessions |
| 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Networking Opportunity |
| 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Breakout Group Reports |
| 4:05 p.m. - 4:35 p.m. | Closing Address
<i>Governor of Nebraska</i> |
| 4:35 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Forum Adjournment
<i>U.S. Attorney Mike Heavican and Lt. Governor Dave Heineman</i> |

Forum Leaders



Dave Heineman
Lieutenant
Governor

Lt. Governor Dave Heineman serves as Director of Homeland Security, Chairman of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and Chairman of the Governor's Homeland Security Policy Group.

Under his leadership, Nebraska has been recognized as a national leader in its innovative and creative approaches to homeland security. During the past three years, Nebraska has invested approximately \$41 million with first responders to improve their capacity to respond to a potential terrorist event and \$31 million with public health entities for bioterrorism preparedness.



Michael Heavican
United States
Attorney

U. S. Attorney Michael G. Heavican joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska in March 1991. During his employment with the U.S. Attorney's office he has served as Acting First Assistant U.S. Attorney, as Criminal Chief, and as acting U.S. Attorney.

He was appointed U.S. Attorney for the District of Nebraska on September 21, 2001, by President George W. Bush. Mike served as a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and as chair of the Controlled Substances Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee.

What is the NISF?

The Nebraska Infrastructure Security Forum is the premier networking and collaboration event for Nebraska's Homeland Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection stakeholders and associated organizations' members. It will be held March 29-30, 2005.

The security of Nebraska's people, communities and economy depends on the security of its infrastructures. These include the electrical grid, railroads, telecommunications networks, oil and gas pipelines, agriculture, water, banking and finance, and other vital systems.

Given our society's reliance on these and other services, and the threats we now face in the post-9/11 world, it is important that critical infrastructure providers and organizations dedicated to their protection work closely together.

The NISF:

- Serves as a collaborative forum of stakeholders who play a role in Homeland Security and the protection of Nebraska's critical infrastructures.
- Involves public and private agriculture, banking, communications, energy, transportation, and water systems executives; law enforcement officials and first responders; safety/security officers; emergency management and emergency planning personnel; medical professionals, public health providers; and interested governmental officials.
- Supports the efforts of Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor - as the state's Homeland Security Executive - and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Nebraska.
- Serves as a networking and outreach opportunity, bringing together Nebraska's public and private organizations with the common goal of protecting our communities and infrastructures.



Why should you attend?

The Forum is the only conference that offers you:

- Information sharing, collaboration and networking for those who protect Nebraska's critical infrastructure assets.
- Established relationships and contact lists *before* a potential crisis.
- Participation in Nebraska's Homeland Security initiatives and programs by partnering industry representatives with government to share knowledge and expertise.
- Expert awareness of critical infrastructures, typical assets, systems and their societal importance.
- Case studies addressing safety, training and joint emergency procedures and exercises.
- A "prevention over recovery" operational framework for all involved.
- Meaningful dialogue, collaboration and networking in both prevention and recovery efforts.
- Identification of mutual needs in the areas of joint response procedures, key asset surveillance, collaboration, information sharing regarding threats, contact lists and relationships, and participation in response exercises.

Breakout Sessions

In addition to informative presentations given by leading professionals and experts in their field, the Forum will establish three breakout groups: Energy & Water, Strategic Transportation, and Agriculture.

In each breakout, a scenario will be presented and facilitated by a multi-infrastructure team. The groups will identify and discuss critical issues for each sector concerning Nebraska's Homeland Security efforts and initiatives.

The results of the breakout groups' analysis will be incorporated into the Forum's White Paper Report for submission to the state's leaders for consideration regarding Homeland Security and critical infrastructure protection policies and programs.

Forum Sponsors

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Forum Speakers



Dr. Jerry Jaax
University
Veterinarian at
Kansas State
University

Jerry Jaax is the Associate Vice Provost for Research Compliance and University Veterinarian at Kansas State University. He has been the leader on several federal homeland security projects dealing with bioterrorism and agroterrorism.

He was a key participant in the Reston Ebola virus outbreak, in Reston VA – which inspired the movie “Outbreak” and was described in the #1 NY Times bestseller, “The Hot Zone” by Richard Preston. He has lectured widely on bioterrorism, agroterrorism, emerging infectious disease issues and emergency response.

Presentation: The threat of bioterrorism is potentially one of the most dangerous Homeland Security issues facing America. With its central role in the national agriculture infrastructure, Nebraska must be vigilant for bioterrorism threats that could affect the production and distribution of the nation’s food supply--from farm to fork. This presentation outlines threats and examines challenges to this vital system on which we all depend.



J. Dewey Webb
ATF Deputy
Assistant

J. Dewey Webb, Deputy Assistant Director for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Field Operations (West) is responsible for oversight of law enforcement operations in the western region of the United States.

Mr. Webb has served as a member of ATF’s National Response Team and has supervised ATF’s investigative efforts in several major investigations, including the September 11 terrorist attacks, the 1993 World Trade Center Bombing, the 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing, and the Unabomber investigation.

Presentation: On the morning of April 19, 1995, Timothy McVeigh parked a rented Ryder truck with explosives in front of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. At 9:02 a.m., a massive explosion occurred, killing 168 people. This presentation is a case-study of the bombing, with an emphasis on how such attacks using explosive weapons of mass destruction affect multiple infrastructures from health and human services to telecommunications.



Stuart Brindley
NERC Critical
Infrastructure
Protection
Committee Chair
(Invited)

Stuart Brindley is the Chairman of the North American Electric Reliability Council’s Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee which works with the electricity industry and US and Canadian governments to protect the North American electric system from cyber and physical attacks and respond to emergencies.

Mr. Brindley also serves as the Director of Client Support & Emergency Preparedness with the Independent Electricity System Operator in Ontario, Canada.

Presentation: Although not the result of criminal or terrorist action, the August 14, 2003 Blackout has several key lessons for critical infrastructure protection of systems from intentional attack. This presentation examines the incident with a focus on the interdependence of all infrastructures and how cascading failures can impact our communities, economy and systems hundreds of miles from the occurrence.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: On March 21, 2003, operators at FPL Energy’s Seabrook Nuclear Station, outside Boston, thought they saw someone breach the plant’s security fence. The incident was the first of several events that initiated the involvement of local law enforcement, the FBI and nearby media affiliates.

Mr. Griffith will share the chronology of events, the communication challenges faced and the lessons learned from the experience.



Alan Griffith
Company Spokesperson,
FPL Energy-Seabrook Station

Registration

For fast and secure registration, go to **www.NISF.org**. Space is limited, so enroll today!

Walk-in registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only.

Cancellation refunds will be accepted up to five days before the conference, minus a \$25 service charge. No refund is available after March 24, 2005, and please note that if you cancel and do not attend, you are still responsible for payment.

Room Reservations: A block of rooms has been reserved for the NISF Conference at the Kearney Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, 110 2nd Avenue, P.O. Box 1925, Kearney, Neb. 68848-1925. To reserve your room, call (308) 237-5971 and mention the NISF conference to receive the special group rate of \$65 dollars.

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- Public and Private Agriculture, Banking, Communications, Energy, Transportation, and Water Systems Executives
- Law Enforcement Officials and First Responders
- Safety/Security Officers
- Emergency Management and Emergency Planning Personnel
- Medical Professionals and Public Health Providers
- Interested Governmental Officials

Forum Topics

- Agriculture & Bioterrorism
- The Oklahoma City Bombing
- The Blackout of 2003
- Seabrook Nuclear Station Security Event
- Special addresses by:
Lt. Governor Dave Heineman
U.S. Attorney Mike Heavican
- Breakout sessions that apply your expertise and experience to a crisis scenario involving multiple agencies and infrastructures



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